

come down; seeing n@w his pretence [*intention*] was to depart": whereat they marvelled much, and asked him, " What cause moved him thereunto seeing, by their working, he was in possibility to have his license ? "

To which, he replied that " It was not only a license that he sought, but profit; which he perceived was not to be had there; and therefore would seek farther": and withal shewed them his writings, what he paid for his Negroes ; declaring also the great charge he was at, in his shipping and men's wages, and, therefore, to countervail his charges, he must sell his Negroes for a greater price than they offered.

So they, doubting [*feannng*] his departure, put him in comfort to sell better there than in any other place : and if it fell out that he had no license, that he should lose his labour in tarrying, for they would buy without license.

Whereupon, the Captain being put in comfort, promised them to stay, so that he might make sale of his lean Negroes; which they granted unto : and the next day did sell some of them.

They having bought and paid for them, thinking to have had a discharge of the Customer [*Farmer of the Customs*] for the custom[*import duty*] of the Negroes, being the King's duty; they gave it away to the poor, for GOD's sake; and did refuse to give the discharge in writing: and the poor, not trusting their words, for fear lest, hereafter, it might be demanded of them, did refrain from buying any more. So nothing else was done until the Governor's coming down ; which was the 14th day [*^e., of April*],

Then the Captain made petition, declaring that " He was come thither in a ship of the Queen's Majesty of England, being bound to Guinea; and thither driven by wind and weather : so that being come thither, he had need of sundry necessaries for the reparation of the said Navy, and also great need of money for the payment of his soldiers, unto whom he had promised payment; and therefore although he , would, yet would not they depart without it. And for that purpose, he requested license for the sale of certain of his Negroes; declaring that though they were forbidden to traffic with strangers : yet for that there was great amity between their Princes, and that the thing pertained to our Queen's Highness ; he thought he might do their Prince great service,